

SENATOR CULLAN: Senator Murphy, is it your intention, and I want to have this in the record so that it is clear what the intention of the Legislature is with respect to this amendment, is it your intention that the emphasis, that the emphasis is for the expenditures of these monies be on education or treatment for young people?

SENATOR MURPHY: It is my very specific intent that the Division of Alcoholism and the Department of Education develop a program that addresses itself to the problems both educational and treatment of children in our schools, of our school age children. I am not taking the money away from the Division of Alcoholism. I am simply saying inasmuch as they have flatly stated that they have no formal program, I am flatly stating they will develop one in conjunction with the Department of Education which will eliminate their argument that the schools don't want to work with them which I question but I am saying, at least \$1,000,000 of that money will be used to help our young people.

SENATOR CULLAN: Okay, Senator Murphy, thank you. I think it is appropriate to recognize that Senator Murphy is not saying that all of this amount of money will be expended for education or all of it for treatment but that those priorities will still...those decisions are still to be made within the Department of Public Institutions and I think that is appropriate. We are not mandating this money be spent in educational programs but that it be spent for both. Now I would be concerned if we were mandating all this money only for the purpose of education in the public school systems because I think sometimes those programs are of limited value and I think we have not placed in the State of Nebraska sufficient emphasis on treatment problems that young people have in the state and there was a very great need for juvenile treatment programs that was developed through the public hearings that the Public Health and Welfare Committee had this summer. Senator Murphy, I am going to support your amendment with that understanding. I do believe that it is much more important to treat the problems of the young people than it is perhaps of some other people. I think it is important to catch these problems when they are young and to treat them then. I do want to thank Senator Murphy and salute him at this time for bringing this to our attention, for his persistence last year and this year and I think Senator Murphy's efforts here today in alcohol programs, as they have been in so many other areas, make state government operate better. Senator Murphy, we thank you and we will miss you.